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## The Schools

Neither Candidate Is Agin 'Em; It's Money

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The gentlemen, for whom we hold respect and admiration, have left the situation some thing less than crystal-clear. We believe there are some things which should be said, now, so that all hands will understand. First, Dr. McDonald was speaking of Major Cherry, intimating that he was an "enemy" of State education. Mr. Cherry's long record in the State shows that he has been on the conservative, economy-belt side, as concerns State schools. And the record will show that Dr. McDonald, a former teacher, principal and education association leader, has been on the liberal side, in favor of giving the schools what ever money they needed for development.

This, then, is the disagreement. One more item needs clarification: When a North Carolina candidate speaks of education, he does not think of what children of the State should be taught, but of the salaries of teachers. That is the State bias for judging education. High salaries, superior education, and so on.

## The Unions

They Make Belated Gains In The State

Men who have long spoken with fear of the day to come when unionism will move Southward may as well relax and do their intelligent best to welcome a new era. For it is already with us. The inevitable has arrived, and the old times will come again no more. Is there doubt?

Note that the solid foundation of unionism is already laid. It has been only a few weeks since CIO won a victory over the I. W. O. in the election. The result was overwhelmingly in favor of CIO. And now the company union, now in Durham, an AFL union has workers out on strike from the American Tobacco Company plant. The workers are striking for a union shop contract.

Remember, the outcome in Durham, union labor will have won a victory of sorts. North Carolina labor supply, long the mainstay of the factory owners, is being drawn into the union fold. This is a fact which the factory owners should be aware of.

There's no telling whether the German announcement of the development of the atomic bomb, through two-lateral translation, or whether the scheme of double-bait propaganda, but the fact is that the Japanese are already aware of the danger. There is a warning that "Japan will be prepared to do anything to win the war," and the union, that the American people are in a position to do anything to win the war.

And there is a last, almost forgotten note, in which the German seems to bid their compatriots in murder farward. "It's the formula," it says.

## Anti-Allies

South Carolina House Hits At Russia, Britain

Well, here we go again. The South Carolina House of Representatives, in a busy day, ground out resolutions wholesale. Among them (and there were some blue plate specials) was one dedicated to distrust, suspicion and disunity among the Allies, a strange document of thinly disguised Anglo-Russophobia. The South Carolina House, among other things, wants South Carolina to represent the peace table, any or all of them—by Jimmie Byrnes. And the House added that, inasmuch as Russia, which has set up a federalized government of 18 states, and Great Britain, with its "democratic" constitution, could not "represent" the peace conference, the United States should demand a vote for each of its 48 states. Perfect. That fits in with the Southern record of "states' rights" and "democratic" principles.

It is inevitable that Russian journals will print the South Carolina resolution, and give their own conclusions. And we have a hunch it will bring forth curses and groans. For to Russians with a sense of humor, it must be great fun to realize that they are unwanted allies who are doing most to win this war—and that they will be in a position of power when the fighting is done.

The South Carolina resolution was not original. The same little trick has been pulled in New York, and duly noted. This is more of the dangerous and divisive business dating back to anti-Russian sentiment of the ludicrous red-baiting days. This is an ominous bit of nonsense.

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By Drew Pearson

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(2) Tremendous stockpiles of steel and other materials have been accumulated—far more than can be used for the war. Already aluminum plants with a capacity of a half-billion pounds a year have been closed because the supply of aluminum is so great.

The military was slow in curtailing civilian production. Now it is slow in letting the country get back to civilian production. Therefore, the Truman Committee recommends that while we cannot resume full-scale civilian production, we can produce limited quantities of a few selected additional items classified as essential.

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